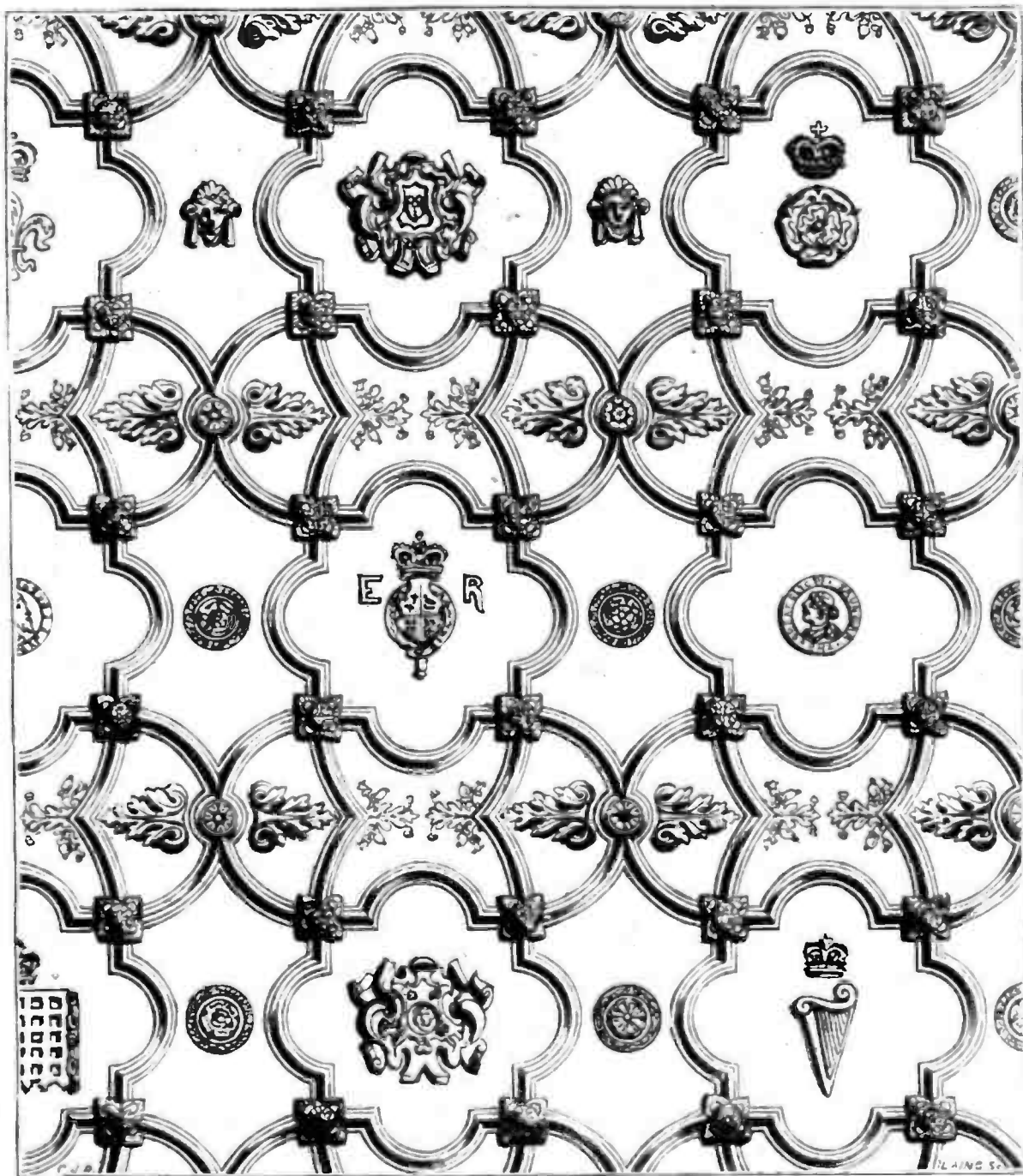


## ELIZABETHAN CEILING IN GOODMAN'S-YARD, LONDON.

ELIZABETHAN PLASTER CEILING,  
FROM AN OLD HOUSE IN GOODMAN'S-YARD,  
MINORITIES.

THE ancient building, now the residence of Mr. Cook, soap-manufacturer, which furnishes us with this very good example of an Elizabethan ceiling, was one of the numerous suburban country houses in the neighbourhood of the Tower, once a royal residence. Doubtless a great many of these buildings still remain, but from their exteriors having been modernised, and from their being surrounded either by small dwellings or manufactories, they remain unknown. The present building is still maintained as a private dwelling: several of the rooms, like the one which contains this ceiling, are lined with oak panelling, in a good

state of repair: there are a few other ornamented plaster ceilings, but they are not so good in design as the one selected for illustration. The arrangement of the forms is ingenious, and will suggest others. The Blackwall Railway crosses the garden a few feet only from the house.

The details are drawn to a larger size. No. 1, in a section of the rib moulding; No. 2, the leaves placed over the mitres; No. 3, the small pendant between the large leaves; and No. 4, the ornament in the same line with these leaves.

IRON.—The contract for 30,000 tons of iron pipes required for the water-works of Liverpool has been effected, at about 4*l.* 10*s.* a ton.

## A PUBLIC WASHING PLACE IN ROME.

FOLLOWING the way which leads from *Trinita de Monti* to *Santa Maria Maggiore*, you will find, in one of the adjacent streets, the public washing-place here delineated, and which, remarkable there for its commodiousness, forms an amusing contrast with our "baths and washhouses."

The stone on which the operation of washing is conducted slopes towards the reservoir, and has at the lower part of the slope an open trough, about one inch and a half in diameter, protected by an edging of about the same height, and it is by this that the water is supplied, and which mixes very slightly with the water in the reservoir. The tank is divided